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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT, INTELLIGENCE,
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SUBJECT: NIE-52, "Probable Future Orientation of Japan"

Now that we have completed NIE-52, the Board has asked me to reiterate what I said at the IAC meeting about the excellence of the CIR contribution.

The initial CIR contribution reflected both painstaking effort and scholarly analysis on the part of your Staff. This high quality was maintained in CIR's supplementary contribution of comprehensive economic data, and in CIR's representation in discussions held during the coordination process.

We recognize that the quality of NIE's must depend in large measure on the quality of Agency contributions. With CIR's outstanding support in the production of this estimate (and despite budgetary limitations), we couldn't miss.

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